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BRING THE CHARGES NEARER HOME.

The State Tribune has lately begun a series of articles by prominent Missouri Democrats, the first being a contribution from the pen of Congressman Dockery, who launches a vigorous attack upon Republican extravagance, showing the increase in government expenditures in the past ten years to have been one billion dollars. The evil is an acknowledged one, yet at the same time both a demanded and regretted one. There must be instilled into the American temperament a desire for economy at home, and not an incessant seeking after some government extravagance to be lavished upon them, before citations of this evil can ever be the means of accomplishing good results. The Sundry Civil, River and Harbor and Appropriation Bills, in every congress, convey the most extravagant amounts from the government treasury to be spent upon buildings in towns of only a few thousand and upon inland creeks that can never be made commercial avenues. The secret of their successful passage lies in the fact that they represent so many states and sections of the country, that each congressman seeking appropriations for towns and works of his own constituency must allow in turn his fellow legislators a grab upon the revenues of the treasury.

However, this is not a party evil, but the incipient result, of a reckless disregard for the interests of the whole country when opposed to those of a home locality. This evil suffered no abatement during the administration of Cleveland under a Democratic congress, nor are such measures in the present congress wanting of Democratic support. Congressman Hepburn of Iowa and many other Republicans are as zealous in their opposition, as some Democrats are from partisan motives. When extravagance is charged, the people would far rather the instances subject to criticism, be taken from offices with which they are more familiar and concerning which, they may learn nearer the correct facts and compare these with the necessity for such expenditures. The people of Missouri and Saline county are more interested in the expenditure of their likewise increasing state and county taxes than those at Washington, the justness of which they have not sufficient knowledge to either criticize or approve with certainty.

The Democratic caucus in this state has recently decided to retain its vast army of clerks at the expense of the people of this state, for the reason that the different members do not care to turn down their friends, even though the interests of the state demand it. It is another illustration of peanut politics playing its part. Several representatives of each county as a result of this, draw good salaries and so far as this alone is concerned, we wish them even better ones. But when the fact is also taken in-

to consideration that the state is paying them for services that are not needed and are not rendered, it must confessedly become a great wrong being inflicted upon the taxpayers of the state. They have a right to kick and they do object; the newspapers of Missouri are silently consenting to the injustice, because some friends are numbered among the beneficiaries.

The Speaker of the House after being thus honored by his party, sought to draw two salaries, and the people of this state may thank the Republican members and a handful of "Filipinos," that the double salary is not being drawn as attempted. Governor Stephens, after the disclosure of the Lexow committee, showing the excise commissioner's fees to amount to over \$25,000 a year has declared himself as having always been opposed to the fee system and in favor of making this position a salaried place. In this, he stands in line with Missouri sentiment which has not as yet crystallized.

The extravagance of state and county officials is not always to be borne by the good people, who have seemed inclined to submit to anything. The demand for official economy and the administration of good government on a narrower margin of profit, will soon become more than a plank in party platforms, to be carefully laid aside after election day.

The increasing taxes that are accruing and do not come solely as a result of the increased value of the property, are not to be so patiently borne as in the past, for the people of Missouri are waking to a realization of the conditions with which they are now dealing. It is needless to say, that the Democratic organs of these at, though divided in factions, have done little toward lessening the greatest mischiefs. They would lull the citizens of this state into a fancied security, from the dangers of corruption and extravagance.

But the factional differences at Jefferson City, between Governor Stephens and a wing of his party is serving the one great purpose, for which perhaps it was intended. It has made plain the truth long ago proclaimed but never listened to by the people, that the machine party of this state is now managed by an army of petty politicians, who are either owned by the railroads or on the contrary are such radicals and short sighted patriots as were never intended to play the role they now act at Jefferson City as "state solons."

Joseph Pulitzer's paper, the Post Dispatch, is the official organ of the Insurgents, both Aguinaldo and Whitecotton.

Senator Vest considers the Philippine question to have been settled by the vote on the treaty; several of his admirers in Missouri either believe the report a fake interview or don't propose to abide by his decision.

If the Associated Press fails hereafter to report Bryan's speech as is announced by that silver cookoo organ the Knight Watchman, it will not be for the reason stated, but because there is no demand. All articles, are regulated by the old law of supply and demand; in this case the ever ready supply has stagnated the market and the demand has ceased.

The first time Senators Vest and Cockrell both vote for any measure, the REPUBLICAN intends to announce it in heavy faced type.

The success of Harvey's money raising scheme, will place the Democratic party after all it has said of "slush funds" and "campaign rolls" in a very delicate position. Perhaps it will have to retract some of its former ill timed utterances, made when no such prosperity as now threatens the party coffers was in sight.

THE REPUBLICAN acknowledges the receipt during the past week of the Central College Magazine, edited by the young ladies of that college. It is a very neatly contrived folio in deckle-edge cover, containing a number of pieces of merit both in thought and style, which reflect both credit upon the young ladies of the staff and the school from which it comes.

THE Kansas City Journal has lately issued a very up-to-date and valuable pamphlet for various kinds of information in the form of an Almanac for 1899, containing 600 pages. When in search of quick and reliable information, such books of reference are often a valuable and frequently used acquisition to a newspaper or business office.

ONE Democratic exchange says, "the ablest, brainiest, most conscientious and patriotic Republicans in the Senate oppose the Administration's policy." Senator Hale, called the Spaniard prior to the late war because of his devotion to the millionaires who sought peace at any price rather than risk a panic war market on the securities they held, is one of the lonely two and half of this ill deserved compliment is due him. The other is George Frisbie Hoar, an able constitutional lawyer, but one with an ax to grind with President McKinley.

THE Sweet Springs Herald, whose staff correspondent at Jefferson City is no other than the editor-in-chief, Hon. Kemp Barnds, who says the newspapers are well represented on the pay roll at the Capitol, the Herald man being there, has been a little inconsistent. The editor has been writing home that the correspondents of the Globe, Journal and Post Dispatch, all had a way of lying about the strife in the Democratic camp and that such a thing did not exist. In the last issue, it was editorially stated that the two factions were united by means of the caucus held.

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